Rural electrification target and their achievement

952. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and percentage of villages, in the country, were to be electrified as on April, 1991 and the number of such villages and their population in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tripura;

(b) what targets were fixed for rural electrification for the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 and under the Eighth Five Year Plan and how far these were achieved; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are being taken by Government to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number and percentage of villages remaining to be electrified as on 1st April, 1991 were 98008 and 16.9 percentage respectively. The number of unelectrified villages and their population in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tripura were as given below:—

State	No. of unelectrified villages as on 1-4-91 (as per 1981 census)	Corresponding population total (in lakh)
Madhya Pradesh	8345	96.3*
Gujarat	@	..
Maharashtra	@	..
Tripura	1899	5.91*

* As per 1971 Census population data.

@ Cent percent electrified (excluding those villages which are technically not feasible fo electrification).

(b) and (c) The targets and achievements made in electrification of villages during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 (upto Dec, 1992) are as under:—

Year	Village electrification	
	Target	Achievement
1991-92	5337	6046
1992-93	4240	1513

The 8th Plan envisages electrification of 50,000 villages (including electrification of 10,000 villages in remote areas through non-conventional energy sources). All efforts are being taken to achieve the target fixed for 1992-93 before close of the year.

World Bank instance on clearance of dues by SEBs for loan

953. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank had refused to give loan to the NTPC unless